

Will You HELP Bring Back The Boys of This Community?

Our boys, the boys from this town and this county and this State, are fighting the Huns. They are in the trenches in France, they are sailing the U-boat infested seas, they are going "over the top" in the face of German cannon and machine gun fire.

Many, many more of our boys are now training and will soon be in France, and more are yet to be called

And, remember, these are our boys; those who are near and dear to us. They are doing their ALL. They are giving their ALL. They are prepared to make the extreme sacrifice that our homes, our town, our Nation may escape the ravages of the Hun.

We want them—one and all—to come back to us—

Will You Help to Bring Them Back?

Will you help to provide them with the things they need, with clothes and food and munitions, that they may complete as quickly as possible the terrible task assigned to them?

Will you support our boys while they are fighting for us, fighting the German autocracy that seeks to destroy our ideals of liberty and justice?

Compared to their heroic sacrifice our part is but small—that of providing the funds to keep them equipped; to build and man the ships that will transport their food, their clothes, their guns and their ammunition, and to pay for these things.

Yes, we, the people of this community, will support our boys.

We will do it by buying bonds of the Third Liberty Loan; by buying all these bonds we can; by making such sacrifices as are necessary to do this. That will be our support for Our Boys.

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GATEWOOD OVER THE TOP.

Skinner correspondent had a slight mistake last week in Gatewood Liberty Bond Sales. The Duly people (a district twice as large as Gatewood) reported \$3,575 in a two-days' canvass. Gatewood, the smaller district, received \$5,000.00 in 3rd Liberty Loan Bonds in one-half day's canvass. Come again, and show your colors. A fine time to show patriotism.

HEEDS THE CALL OF HONOR.

Frank Sannebeck of Mexico is one of your loyal fellows all right. He pens the following:

Mexico, Mo., April 26.—I noticed your editorial on "American or German Blood." I want to endorse the words of Prof. Heller, Mr. Kahn and Hagerdorn. I, too, am an American citizen of German blood, born in America. I believe in the principles of liberty, equality and democracy for which America stands. My father fought for these principles during the German revolution in 1848 and had to leave Germany. He also fought for America during our Civil war, and my son is now fighting for our cause against Prussian autocracy. I am 58 years old; I offered my services to my country before the war started. I also "will not permit the blood in my veins to down the conscience in my breast; I will heed the call of honor beyond the call of race." I hope and believe America will be victorious and Germany defeated.

Frank A. Sannebeck.

REPORT NOT TRUE.

There is a report going its round that the Mutual Telephone Co. is about to be sold to the Bell Tele. Co. This is not true, and we believe this is being used to injure the Farmers' Elevator proposition.

VAL ERDEL, JR., Pres. Tel. Co.

SHERIFF FORD CHOSEN

ON PRISON BOARD.

W. R. Painter, Warden of the Missouri Penitentiary, has named Sheriff J. G. Ford of this county as a representative on the National Committee for Prison Labor.

The National Prison Committee is to arrange to make local prisons self-supporting. Instead of a fellow getting free feed off the community while in jail he is to be put on a job, must help earn something, help get his own grub.

HEIFERS BRING \$14.

The largest string of heifers ever sold at \$14.00, says the Live Stock Reporter, was disposed of yesterday when J. J. Johnson marketed 64 head weighing 679 pounds at that price. He also had 21 mixed steers and heifers at \$14.00. Mr. Johnson is a large land owner and feeder of Audrain county Mo., and feeds hundreds of cattle every year. These yearlings were all of his own feeding and were in perfect marketing condition. They were all blacks of good quality.

THE DYKE BREAKS.

There were exciting times at the Brick Plant Saturday night after the big two-inch rain. The dyke surrounding the south excavation pit broke by the overflow of a creek or ravine which flows near the hole to the pit. The distress whistle of the Plant blew and 100 men worked the remainder of the night to keep back the waters.

Mrs. U. L. Heneger of Laddonia was a pleasant caller at Message headquarters Friday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walker was buried at Seedtick Church, southeast of Mexico, Sunday.

SIX SEWING MACHINES.

The Mexico Red Cross Chapter has the use of six sewing machines. They are run by a central motor. The machines were presented by C. L. Cass.

Rev. J. A. Mitchell will preach at Beaver Dam church Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p. m., and also on Sunday at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited.

RED CROSS SPEAKER.

Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, pastor of the Linwood Boulevard Christian Church of Kansas City, will be in Mexico Saturday afternoon, May 11, and make an address in the interest of the second \$100,000,000 War Fund Campaign of the Red Cross. The time and place will be announced later.

Dr. Jenkins has seen much of the struggle in France as a war correspondent. He has proven himself a very interesting and forceful speaker, as an assert who have heard him. The Rochester Post Express in a review of his book says that Dr. Jenkins gives an impression of the British soldier, the French Poilu, Verdun, the airmen who have done such wonderful things at the front, the Americans whose deeds of glory are yet to come, the Italians.

Everyone who has not heard Dr. Jenkins' message is urged to come. Let all Red Cross workers make it their only business to be present at that meeting and to get their friends to come.

W. CLYDE JOHNSON, War Fund Campaign Manager.

Harold Willis took the examination before the County Examining Board Monday for service in the Navy. He is a member of the graduating class at McMillan High School.

MRS. SARAH LITTLE.

Mrs. Sarah E. Little, 81 years old, died in the Mexico Hospital Thursday afternoon. She had been under treatment for several weeks.

Mrs. Little was a native of Illinois and her maiden name was Sarah Elizabeth Scott. She came to Audrain county about 20 years ago and for a time lived on a farm south of Mexico. Later she built a home on North Jefferson street in Mexico where she came to live. Robert White, a little grandson, is her only relative here.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. C. C. Grimes.

The pallbearers were S. L. Robinson, Ns Myers, E. L. Gregory, and Sam and Pratt Little.

Mrs. Horace Ritter and daughter, Miss Lena Ritter, visited Roy and Ray Ritter at Camp Funston.

B. B. Martin and little son, who have charge of the old Jap Stephens farm northeast of Mexico, made this office a pleasant call Friday. Mr. Martin says it has been too cool—nothing much doing on the farm.

Mrs. Jacob Barnes of Laddonia is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ardell of Mexico.

Mrs. J. M. Long of Wellsville is taking treatment at the Mexico Hospital. Miss Geneva McCune of Vandalla visited Mrs. Leo Ritter here. Miss Nellie Noel, Martinsburg, visited Miss Ned Harrison of Mexico.

John T. Williams has brought suit in the Circuit Court for \$259.40 against the Chicago and Alton Railroad for a delayed shipment of cattle from Vandalla.

J. T. Bland and Son of Vandalla

are suing the Chicago and Alton R. R. for two delayed shipments of cattle, one from Rush Hill to Chicago, damages, \$611.77, and the other on a shipment from East St. Louis to Vandalla, damages asked, \$700.

HE FELT THE CALL OF HIS COUNTRY.

Ezra B. Bremer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bremer of Mexico, has volunteered for war service and is now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with Co. D, 31st Engineers.

Ezra is one of our best young men and is known by many here, having resided near Mexico for many years.

He felt the call of his country at this critical time and left his father, mother, friends and business that the flag of our country might be carried on to victory.

We need more such boys as Ezra. He is 33 years old.

Ray Miller was here this week from the aviation ground school at Champaign, Ill. He is soon to enter a Government flying school.

The wall of the old opera house near the northwest corner of the Public Square partly collapsed after the big rain Saturday night.

GOES TO WAR.

Centralla, Mo., April 25.—Elder E. S. Priest, pastor of the First Christian Church here, has been appointed by the National War Council Committee for the Y. M. C. A. for service with the American Army in France and will sail from New York about May 15th. The church here has granted him a six months' leave of absence.

JOHN WICKLIFFE MASON.

Pioneer Citizen Of Mexico—Former Postmaster—Dies Suddenly.

John Wickliffe Mason, 70 years old, dropped dead on the sidewalk Thursday afternoon in front of the home of W. D. Willingham on North Jefferson street.

It seems that Mr. Mason had lost his pocketbook containing about \$75 and he was on the look for it. It is supposed death was caused from heart failure.

Mr. Mason was a native of Bourbon county, Ky. His parents moved to Mexico when he was six years old, where he remained until his death. His wife was Miss Belle Dunbar Lee, who survives him. The following children survive: Mrs. Alice Guthrie, Martha, Frances and Louis Mason, all of Mexico; Richard P. Mason, El Paso, Texas, and Charles A. Mason and Joe Mason of St. Louis. A brother also survives, Wm. Mason, of Mexico.

Mr. Mason was Mexico's postmaster during President Grover Cleveland's administration. In recent years he served as traveling salesman and was known in all parts of the State. He was a good citizen and highly esteemed. Many friends will be pained to hear of his death.

Rev. H. P. Atkins conducted funeral services at the home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Mason's pocketbook was found at his home Friday, containing \$75, which it is thought he dropped as he left the home the day before.

Mrs. L. E. Holbrook and son and daughter of Laddonia are the guests of Mrs. Geo. Barker, of near Centralla, this week.